

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE February 18, 2016

Contact: Jennifer N. Kearns (619) 236-6611

Media Advisory

Council President Lightner and Mayor Faulconer to Debut Student Architecture Solutions for the Former Downtown Library

SAN DIEGO --- On Monday, February 22, 2016, San Diego City Council President Sherri Lightner along with Mayor Faulconer and Councilmembers Scott Sherman and Chris Cate will debut several student projects aimed at repurposing the former downtown library into a veteran's center.

Through Council President Lightner's "Bridges to Education" program, the City supplied juniors at the Stanley E. Foster School of Engineering, Innovation and Design at the Kearny Educational Complex with a real-world architecture project aiming to re-purpose the downtown library, which the students chose to turn into a veteran's center. Lightner's office then connected them with "Courage to Call", a local veteran's service, and allowed students full access to facilities and staff. City staff then mentored students and provided feedback on their design solutions which are now finalized. The student projects will be on display in the City Administration Lobby all week.

"I have always been a supporter of civic engagement," stated Council President Sherri Lightner. "The 'Bridges to Education' program allows students full access to actual city projects under the guidance of city staff. Having a mentorship relationship with the city strengthens student learning and allows city staff to educate and foster the next generation of our workforce."

WHAT: Press event unveiling of student projects that repurpose the former downtown

library into a veterans center

WHO: Mayor Kevin Faulconer, City of San Diego

Sherri S. Lightner, City of San Diego Council President, District 1 Scott Sherman, City of San Diego Councilmember, District 7 Chris Cate, City of San Diego Councilmember, District 6

Dr. Michael McQuary, SDUSD, Board President

WHEN: Monday, February 22, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: City Administration Building Lobby

202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101

VISUALS: Mayor, councilmembers, city staff and veterans reviewing student projects